

HOUSE No. 1958

By Mr. Sullivan of Fall River, petition of David B. Sullivan and Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., relative to further regulating the location of exits in sports complexes. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING EXITS IN SPORTS COMPLEXES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 97A of chapter 143 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 paragraph (a) the following paragraph:—
4 (a½) The board of building regulations and standards shall
5 require the owner of any building or structure or portion thereof,
6 that includes a place of business designed or used for occupancy
7 as a nightclub, sports complex, dance hall, discotheque, bar, or for
8 similar entertainment purposes, to install a luminescence egress
9 route to all emergency exits and be placed at floor level. Said
10 egress routes shall be powered by electricity and have a back up
11 battery in case of a power failure. Said egress route systems shall
12 meet state building code and fire code standards for heat resis-
13 tance to be a viable safety path in extreme fire and smoke events.